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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFFS CONVEYED US POSITION ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC) RESOLUTION PER REFTELS AND LEFT TALKING PAPERS WITH FONOFF UN BUREAU OFFICIALS (TANIGUCHI, WATANABE, HORIMURA). FINAL GOJ POSITIONS ARE BEING DRAFTED AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL. GOJ COMMENTS AND COMPOSITION OF WFC DEL SET OUT BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. FONOFF OFFICIALS ARE LEARY OF SECOND OPERATIVE PARA OF DRAFT RES VII: QTE INVITES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORA WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A SEPTEM OF INTERNATIONAL GRAIN RESERVES THAT WOULD IMPART A GREATER DEGREE OF STABILITY TO MARKETS FOR GRAINS. UNQTE. THEY

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ASKED WHETHER THIS WORDING CONSISTENT WITH U.S. POSITION

ON RES VII CONTAINED REF A, NOTING IN PARTICULAR THAT DRAFT RES QTE INVITES ALL GOVERNMENTS UNQTE WHEREAS U.S. LANGUAGE REFERS TO QTE MAJOR EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS UNQTE; DRAFT CALLS FOR QTE NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNQTE WHILE U.S. URGES QTE DISCUSSIONS... RIGHT AWAY UNQTE. EMBOFF OFFERED PERSONAL VIEW THAT TWO STAGES THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE, I.E., EARLY INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG MAJOR EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS, FOLLOWED BY NEGOTIATIONS IN APPROPRIATE FORA.

3. TANIGUCHI SAID HE HAD JUST COME FROM INTERAGENCY NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH FONOFF AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (MAF), AFTER TWO PREVIOUS UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS, HAD FINALLY OBTAINED FINANCE MINISTRY (MOF) APPROVAL FOR GOJ COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD FERTILIZER FUND AND UNSYG SPECIAL EMERGENCY FUND TO ASSIST MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES (MSA'S). TANIGUCHI SAID HOWEVER THAT MOF HAD FIRMLY INSISTED THAT GOJ COULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT AT WFC UNLESS U.S. DOES SO. CONSEQUENTLY GOJ WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION OF WHAT U.S. MIGHT HAVE TO OFFER. TANIGUCHI LEAVES TOKYO TOMORROW AND WILL ARRIVE IN ROME SATURDAY NOV. 1.

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